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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue: "World Heritage — Australia" stamps and prestige booklets**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Friday, 19 March 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "World Heritage — Australia".

2. This is the fifth United Nations stamp issue to illustrate World Heritage sites. It is the third in a series of stamps and prestige booklets focusing on either one specific World Heritage site or a group of World Heritage sites in one geographical location.

3. The stamps, in denominations of US$ 0.33, $0.60, SwF 0.90, SwF 1.10, S 4.50 and S 6.50, were designed by Passmore Design, Australia.

(United States equivalents — SwF 0.90: $0.64; SwF 1.10: $0.78; S 4.50: $0.38; and S 6.50: $0.55 — subject to exchange rate fluctuation).

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Prestige booklets

4. Also on 19 March 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration will issue its fourth set of prestige booklets. The three booklets have a common design and each contains a total of 24 mint stamps in either United States, Swiss or Austrian denominations, based on the designs of the six commemorative stamps on the theme "World Heritage — Australia". The booklets are priced at $2.40, $2.55 and $3.03, respectively, subject to fluctuating exchange rates.

General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets only.

6. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain the new stamps, prestige booklets and first-day items on Friday, 19 March, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

7. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service substations:

(a) The counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

8. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.